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2 DAYS SINCE CHALLENGERS MOUNTAIN APPEARED. ARKHAM ASYLUM.
THRAKOOOM
ARRGGGHH!
YEEEAGGHHH!
THE CELL OF VICTOR FRIES, ALIAS: MR. FREEZE.
MY CELL IS OPEN. WHAT'S GOING ON?
BROKEN IN. CAN'T BE PUT BACK TOGETHER AGAIN.
VICTOR FRIES.
YOU WILL BE FREE AS LONG AS YOU PROMISE TO PLAY WITH ME.
TAKE THIS CARD, AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE POWER TO CREATE WHATEVER YOU DESIRE.
WHO INVITES MR. FREEZE? ARE YOU BATMAN? OR ARE YOU JOKER?
I AM SOMETHING MORE. FROM DOWN, DOWN, DOWN AMONG THE GNASHING TEETH. A PLACE COLDER AND DARKER.

GOTHAM RESISTANCE PART 2: "A RING OF ICE AND FEAR"

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"...THAN YOUR FRIGID LITTLE HEART."

It seems like I'm not the only one who looked a little surprised to step into a barren, frigid wasteland populated by **frost giants** where a major U.S. metropolis used to be.

It's been three days since a **mountain** appeared in **Gotham City** and Batman told me about the existence of a **Dark Multiverse.**

Damian Wayne--Robin.

Killer Croc.

Harley Quinn.

Green Arrow.

Two days since he asked me and the Bat-Family to distract the **Justice League** so he could retrieve a secret weapon...and went radio silent.

One day since I came to Gotham to find it transformed into chaos by Batman's worst villains.

URRR!

FWOOOMP

Not how I would have chosen to spend a long weekend, honestly. Ice and tights **do not** mix.

Glad I stopped by the **Batcave** and picked up this thermal armor **Bruce** had made for me. It's his version of an ugly sweater...he just wants me to stay warm.

HNH!

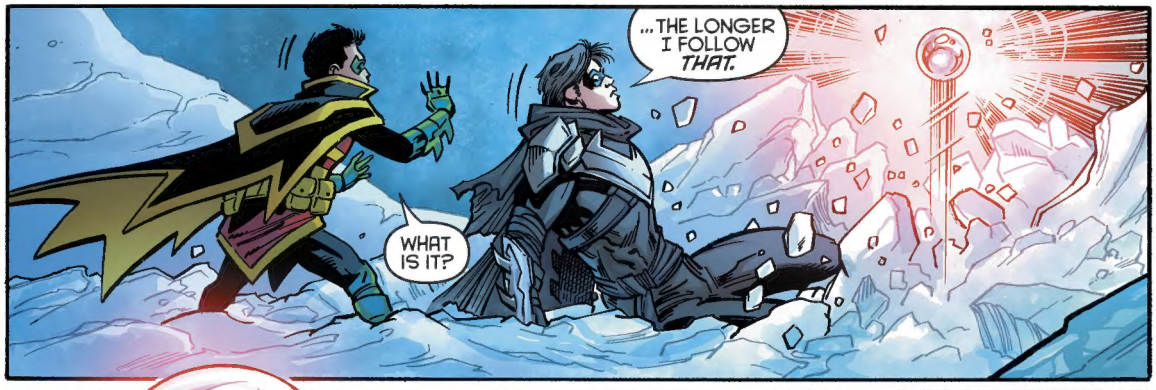
THIS WAY! GET THAT THING MOVING THIS WAY!

WHAT'S HE GOIN' ON ABOUT?

HNH. THE SUN PUTS IT AT 5:15.

I GET WHAT YOU'RE DOIN', KID.
RRGK!
IT'S RUSH HOUR IN GOTHAM.
HREE!
"AND THE AUTOMATED EL TRAIN RUNS RAIN OR SNOW."
KATHOOOM
YAY! HE ROLLED A NATURAL TWENTY.
I'M GOING TO PRETEND I DON'T GET THAT REFERENCE.
YA CAN TAKE THE KID OUTTA GOTHAM...
"BUT YA CAN'T TAKE THE BATMAN OUT OF THE KID."
NIGHTWING! THIS IS WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID YOU HAD TO "TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING"?
HOW DARE YOU SEARCH FOR MY FATHER WITHOUT ME!
WE COULD HAVE FOUND BATMAN BY NOW IF YOU HADN'T LEFT ME BEHIND WITH THIS WOULD-BE NANNY AND THESE PATHETIC EXCUSES FOR SUPER-CRIMINALS...
NIGHTWING?
YOUR HEAD... THE WOUND YOU RECEIVED...
FROM DEATHWING WITH SIMON HURT'S BLACK BLADE.*
*See NIGHTWING: NIGHTWING MUST DIE!

IT REAPPEARED AFTER WE LEFT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IN THE AMAZON.*
IT'S WHAT DREW ME HERE, TOWARD THE MOUNTAIN. AND IT'S BEEN GETTING WORSE...
*See METAL #2!--Tay


...THE LONGER I FOLLOW THAT.
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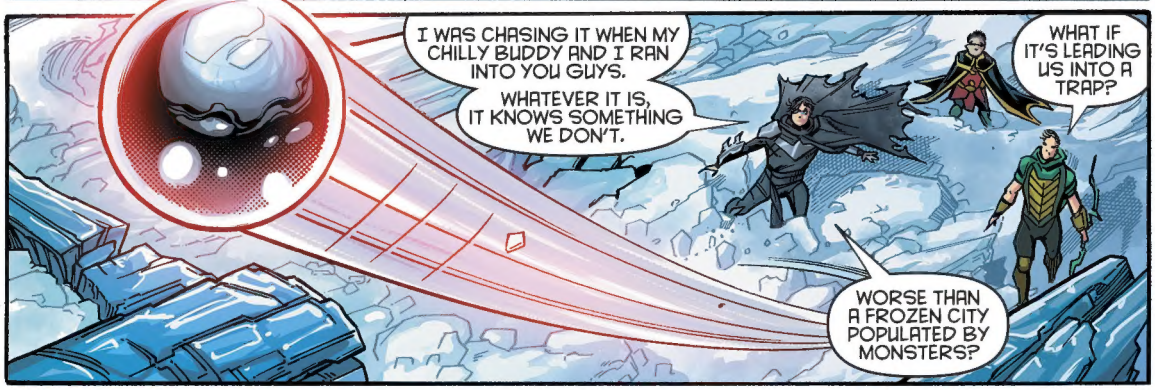
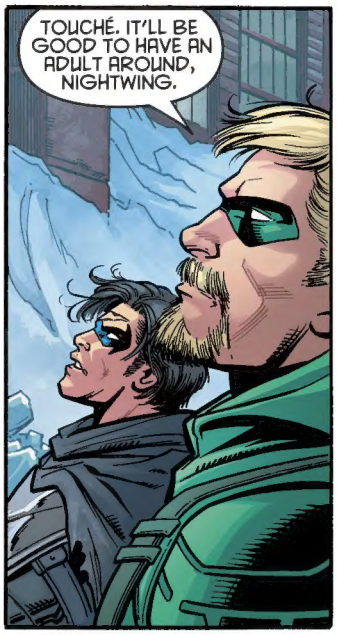

I WAS CHASING IT WHEN MY CHILLY BUDDY AND I RAN INTO YOU GUYS.
WHATEVER IT IS, IT KNOWS SOMETHING WE DON'T.
WHAT IF IT'S LEADING US INTO A TRAP?
WORSE THAN A FROZEN CITY POPULATED BY MONSTERS?


TOUCHÉ. IT'LL BE GOOD TO HAVE AN ADULT AROUND, NIGHTWING.

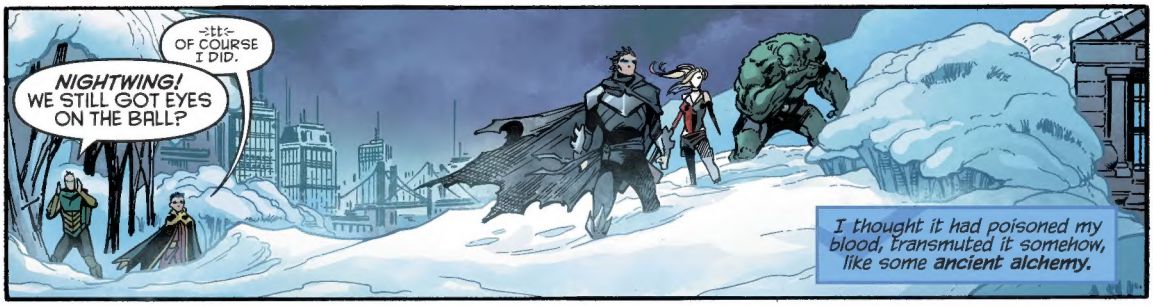
WHATTAYA MEAN--HEY!
THANKS FOR KEEPING AN EYE ON ROBIN.
WHAT?! YOU'RE TAKING HIS SIDE AGAINST YOUR OWN FAMILY? IF EVERYONE IS GOING TO ALLY THEMSELVES AGAINST ME--

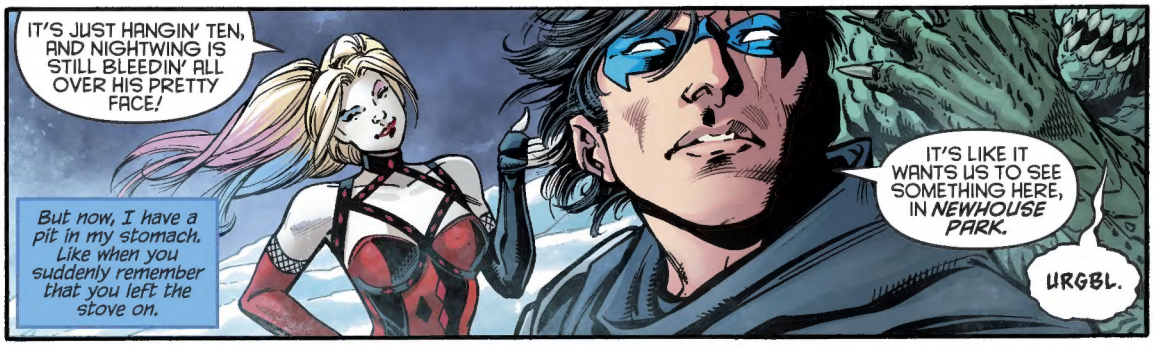
"--I'D BE BETTER OFF WITH THE TEEN TITANS!"
WE'D HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF WITH DAMIAN.
AT LEAST YOU KNOW WHEN HE'S GOING TO BE A JERK--
--WHICH IS ALWAYS.
I CAN'T TELL WHO'S A LOOTER AND WHO'S A LOOTEE ANYMORE.
I CAN FEEL THEIR TERROR AND CONFUSION, BEAST BOY, AND ⇒UNH⇐ IT'S GETTING WORSE.
RAVEN'S RIGHT. JUDGE LESS, AND PREVENT MORE INJURIES.
DON'T LOOK NOW BUT A WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM ARE ABOUT TO TERRIFY AND CONFUSE US TO DEATH!
AS THE NEWEST MEMBER HERE, I'LL ASK-- WHAT THE HECK DO WE DO?!
YOU CAN SAY A LOT ABOUT SUPER-VILLAINS...

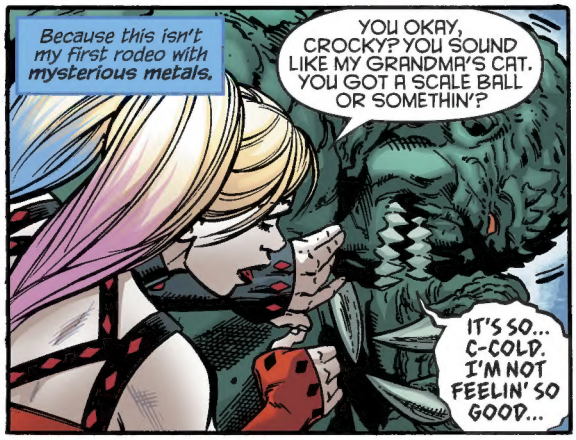
...BUT AT LEAST WE DON'T SEND FRIGGIN' KIDS TO DO OUR JOB FOR US.
NICE WORK, ENCHANTRESS. THEY'D RUN FASTER IF THEIR PANTS WEREN'T SO FULL OF CRAP.
I CAN FEEL... EYES FROM THE DARKNESS.
OF THAT I HAVE LITTLE DOUBT. THAT'S DEADSHOT, CAP'N BOOMERANG, ENCHANTRESS AND EL DIABLO.
I'M READY TO RUMBLE IF YOU GUYS ARE. I THINK.
PUT IT AWAY, YOU LITTLE MONSTERS. WE'RE NOT HERE TO FIGHT IT OUT WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE JR. FAN CLUB.
WE'RE ALL GOOD GUYS HERE.

MARKING YOUR WAY WITH AN ARROW AGAIN?
TAK

When I was cut by Dr. Hurt's dark metal, it showed me terrible things.
OLD-FASHIONED AND UNINSPIRED. LIKE YOU.
SPZ IZK
YOU GOT A BETTER IDEA, KID? IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED--
--THE FARTHER ALONG WE GO, THE LESS ANYTHING INVENTED AFTER THE MIDDLE AGES WORKS.
I HOPE YOU SAVED YOUR HIGH SCORES.


-tt- OF COURSE I DID.
NIGHTWING! WE STILL GOT EYES ON THE BALL?
I thought it had poisoned my blood, transmuted it somehow, like some ancient alchemy.


IT'S JUST HANGIN' TEN, AND NIGHTWING IS STILL BLEEDIN' ALL OVER HIS PRETTY FACE!
But now, I have a pit in my stomach. Like when you suddenly remember that you left the stove on.
IT'S LIKE IT WANTS US TO SEE SOMETHING HERE, IN NEWHOUSE PARK.
URGBL.


Because this isn't my first rodeo with mysterious metals.
YOU OKAY, CROCKY? YOU SOUND LIKE MY GRANDMA'S CAT. YOU GOT A SCALE BALL OR SOMETHIN'?
IT'S SO... C-COLD. I'M NOT FEELIN' SO GOOD...

HA-CHOOM!

HNH. COLD BLOOD, MAN.
QUINN. LOOK.
Years ago, Batman discovered Electrum in one of my teeth. Traces in my blood.
Latent. Waiting. For a trigger.
Ooh! COURT OF OWLS!
The Owls put it there. My whole life, they'd secretly prepared me to be a weapon. A Talon.
After I took down their network, I thought I was free of them.* But what if I'm not?
*See NIGHTWING: BETTER THAN BATMAN--Tay
I THOUGHT BATMAN HAD ALL OF THESE REMOVED FROM GOTHAM.
HE DID. THIS IS NEW.
WHY WOULD A DEFUNCT SECRET SOCIETY SUDDENLY MAKE A REAPPEARANCE--
--RIGHT WHEN EVERYTHING WENT TO HELL?
YES. HELL. AS DESCRIBED BY DANTE, WITH ITS MULTIPLE RINGS.
EACH ONE IS GUARDED BY A DEVIL.
WE'VE GOT COMPANY.
BIG, UGLY COMPANY.
AND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE UNIVERSE...

...IS A LAKE OF ICE.
I AM FREEZE.
I WAS CHOSEN TO GUARD THIS REALM. ALL THAT ENTERS HERE TURNS COLD, BECOMES BRITTLE...
...AND BREAKS.

OUTSIDE RIDDLER'S LABYRINTH
YOUR BEAST IS WONDERFUL. WHAT'S HIS NAME?
GOLIATH IS NOT MINE. BUT DO ME A FAVOR AND BACK OFF, ELDER GOTH.
THE TEEN TITANS DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH CRIMINALS AND ASSASSINS.
AND I DON'T USUALLY HANG OUT WITH GRADE-SCHOOLERS...
BUT QUINN AND CROC ARE MISSING...
WHAT'S WRONG, AQUALAD? YOUR FISH-SENSE GOING OFF?
DO YOU HEAR... CHATTERING? THEY'RE SAYING...
..."CROW."
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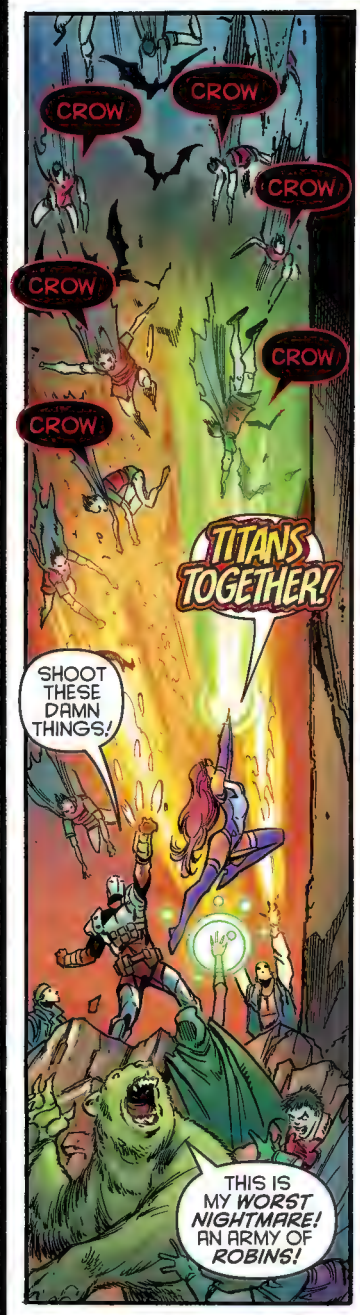
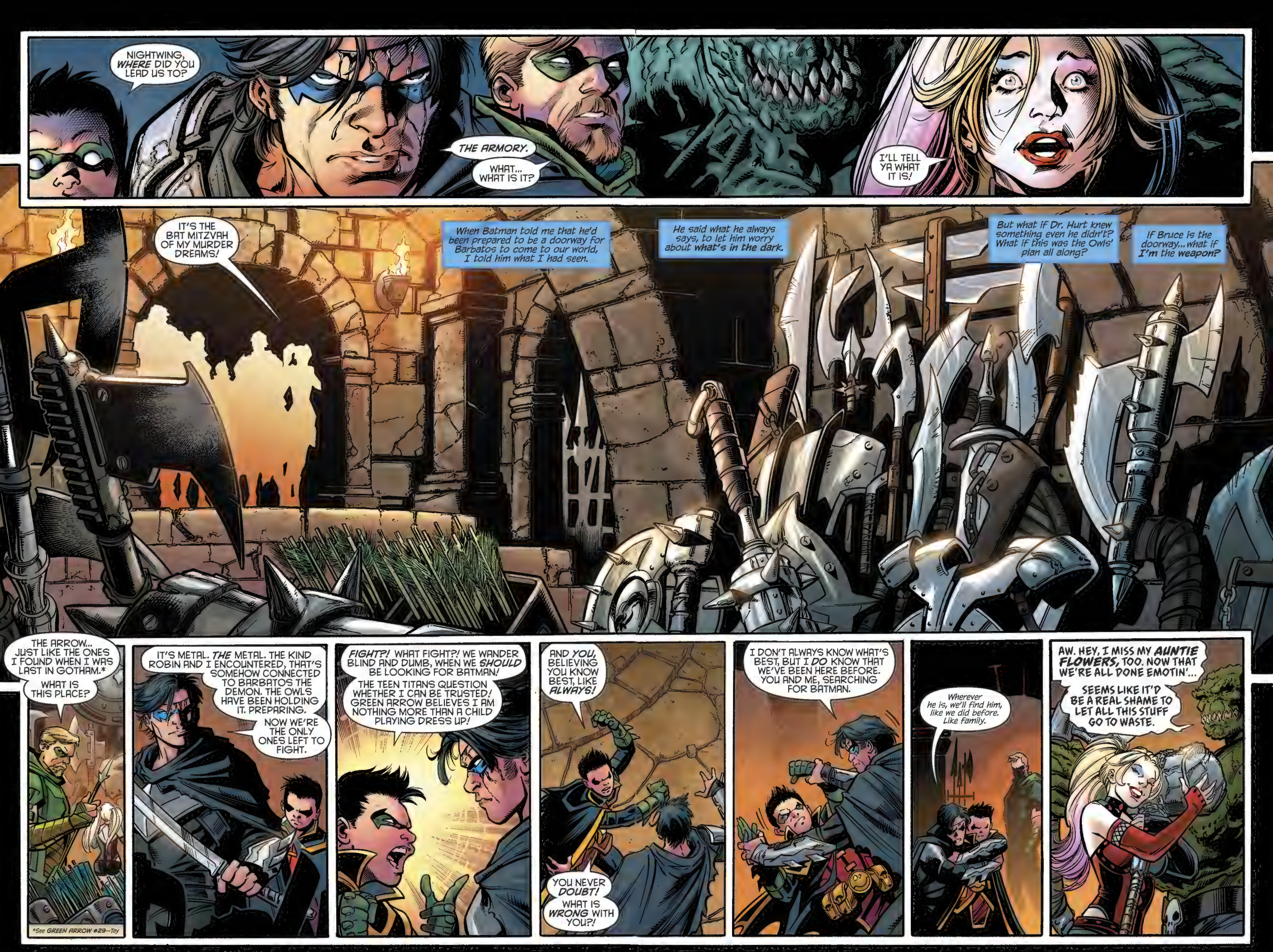


INDEED, GARFIELD LOGAN. THE NAME OF THE DARK IS ROBIN.

AND HE DWELLS WITHIN ALL OF YOU.

THE OWL STATUE! HIT IT!
YAH HEAR THIS KID? HE THINKS HE'S BOSS NOW.
The metal showed me a roiling cauldron of failed worlds.
HMNF.
KLIK
And in each of those worlds, a version of me who made the wrong choice.
NIGHTWING IS CORRECT. THE OWLS GUARD THE NEST FROM THEIR SHADOW PERCH!
WHATEVER FREEZE WANTS, THE OWL IS GUARDING OVER IT!
SHUNK
Who was broken by loss.
WE'LL BE PUTTING OUR BACKS AGAINST A WALL, MAN!
Who went down the unlit path.
Who was alone.
JUST TRUST ME!
KRAKOOM
SIGH. I'VE MET MY FAIR SHARE OF OTHER SUPER-GUYS LATELY.
IF THERE'S ONE THING THEY SAY ABOUT YOU...
...IT'S THAT YOU'VE EARNED THAT, NIGHTWING.
YOU HEARD THE KID! COME ON, CREEPS!


NIGHTWING, WHERE DID YOU LEAD US TO?
THE ARMORY.
WHAT... WHAT IS IT?
I'LL TELL YA WHAT IT IS!
IT'S THE BAT MITZVAH OF MY MURDER DREAMS!
When Batman told me that he'd been prepared to be a doorway for Barbatos to come to our world, I told him what I had seen.
He said what he always says, to let him worry about what's in the dark.
But what if Dr. Hurt knew something even he didn't? What if this was the Owls' plan all along?
If Bruce is the doorway...what if I'm the weapon?
THE ARROW... JUST LIKE THE ONES I FOUND WHEN I WAS LAST IN GOTHAM.*
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
*See GREEN ARROW #29—Tay
IT'S METAL. THE METAL. THE KIND ROBIN AND I ENCOUNTERED, THAT'S SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO BARBATOS THE DEMON. THE OWLS HAVE BEEN HOLDING IT. PREPARING.
NOW WE'RE THE ONLY ONES LEFT TO FIGHT.
FIGHT?! WHAT FIGHT?! WE WANDER BLIND AND DUMB, WHEN WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR BATMAN!
THE TEEN TITANS QUESTION WHETHER I CAN BE TRUSTED! GREEN ARROW BELIEVES I AM NOTHING MORE THAN A CHILD PLAYING DRESS UP!
AND YOU, BELIEVING YOU KNOW BEST, LIKE ALWAYS!
YOU NEVER DOUBT!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
I DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT'S BEST, BUT I DO KNOW THAT WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. YOU AND ME, SEARCHING FOR BATMAN.
Wherever he is, we'll find him, like we did before. Like family.
AW. HEY, I MISS MY AUNTIE FLOWERS, TOO. NOW THAT WE'RE ALL DONE EMOTIN'...
SEEMS LIKE IT'D BE A REAL SHAME TO LET ALL THIS STUFF GO TO WASTE.

OPEN THE EARTH FOR ME, MY GIANTS!
I CLAIM THIS REALM, AND EVERYTHING IN IT!
THOK
THOK
HREE!
When the mountain rose up in Gotham, I could feel its gravitational pull from Bludhaven.
WE ALL LOOK HOT! SO, LET'S WARM FREEZE UP!
I could taste the poison pouring into the sky.
NO! THE COURT'S ARMORY BELONGS TO ME.

I WILL PICK THE PIECES OFF OF YOUR BRITTLE CORPSES!
ARE YOU READY, DR. QUINZEL?
So when Bruce vanished after we fought the Justice League, I knew I had to come here.
GIMME A SECOND LONGER WITH THE VIEW, WOULD YA?
HARLEY!
To save the city I once called home from darkness.
OKAAAAY. FINE.
CHARGE!
To be there for my friends so they weren't alone.
And to stop them from going down the unlit path.
THAT'S OUR OPENING, KID!
HE GAVE ME THE POWER! AND I DESIRE A FROZEN, SILENT LAND!
Because it's only going to get worse from here.
MAN, GOTHAM DOES DO WEIRDOS BETTER THAN ANYBODY.
NOW! THE SWORD! HIT THE SWORD!

ROBIN! NOW!
I KNOW THE PLAN! DON'T BOSS ME AROUND!
In the armory, I told Damian I had faith we'd find Batman like we always do.
I lied.
I AM ROBIN! I AM THE HEIR TO THE BAT!
YEAH. AND YOU'RE A MENACE.
THOUGH... I SUPPOSE THAT COMES IN HANDY SOMETIMES!
KRAK!
The truth is, I'm having visions again. Of failure. Of unlit paths.
RAAAH!
ROBIN! STOP! STOP! IT'S OVER!
IT'S OVER.
But they're not visions of me.
ANOTHER CARD...
And they're not of some other, distant world.
WHAT THE--?!

WE'RE PLAYING SOMEONE'S GAME, RUNNING THEIR MAZE, AND THEY'VE GOT THE ADVANTAGE THAT THEY CAN SEE IT FROM ABOVE.
NIGHTWING? YOU OKAY?
Like a drumbeat in my head, one name keeps repeating... BARBATOS.
Visions... the darkness...
... calling...
For the truth of Dick's visions, see METAL #2--Tay
TRUST ME, GREEN ARROW. IT'S NOT ABOVE ANYTHING.
Bruce always had a little "joke" he used to say when he'd leave and put me in charge.
He'd always say, "Keep the lights on, until I get back."
ELSEWHERE...
SCREE
SPEAK, MY LITTLE BIRD. WHAT DOES YOUR BROTHER SEE?
This time... he left that last part off.
SHREE SCREE SHREE SCREE
THAT'S NOT HOW WE WANTED THE GAME TO GO, IS IT?
I'm going to try and keep the lights on.
WE MUST DEAL THEM A NEW HAND OF CARDS.
But the path forward is long and hard and uncertain...

...and the light is dwindling.
ONE PACKED WITH JOKERS.
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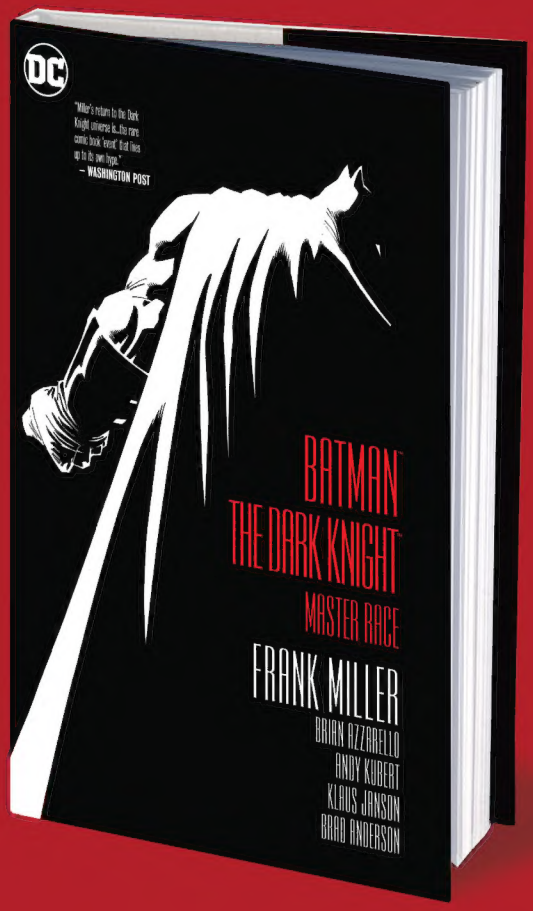
WELCOME TO POISON IVY'S JUNGLE!



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Are you excited for Batman Day this weekend? In celebration of Harley Quinn's 25th Anniversary, the Clown Princess of Crime will take over DC's annual celebration of the Dark Knight on September 23, 2017.

It's hard to believe that it has been 25 years since Harley Quinn burst into our lives when she debuted on the *Batman: The Animated Series* episode "Joker's Favor," which originally aired in September 1992. Co-created by the Emmy Award-winning producers Paul Dini (*Batman: The Animated Series*, DARK NIGHT: A TRUE BATMAN STORY) and Bruce Timm (*Batman: The Animated Series, Batman Beyond*) Harley Quinn's popularity has exploded and she is now one of DC's biggest characters. Harley stars in her own best-selling comic book series, acclaimed graphic novels and has inspired amazing toys and collectibles based on her many looks from over two decades. She was the breakout character in the *Suicide Squad* movie and the *Batman: Arkham* series of video games. If that wasn't enough to show you how much fans love her, she was the most popular Halloween costume of 2016.

Celebrate 25 years of Harley Quinn at your favorite local comics shop. Look for three different free comic books:

BATMAN DAY SPECIAL EDITION–the first chapter of the BATMAN VOL. 3: I AM BANE written by Tom King and illustrated by David Finch, plus an original 3-page story by Amanda Conner, Jimmy Palmiotti and Bret Blevins.

HARLEY QUINN BATMAN DAY SPECIAL EDITION–the first chapter of the JOKER LOVES HARLEY graphic novel by Conner, Palmiotti and John Timms.

DC SUPER HERO GIRLS BATMAN DAY SPECIAL EDITION–the first chapter of the DCSHG: OUT OF THE BOTTLE graphic novel written by Shea Fontana with art by Marcelo DiChiara and Agnes Garbowska.

Participating stores will also have three different Batman masks illustrated by Ryan Sook in the style of DC Master Class artists, Jim Lee, Andy Kubert and John Romita Jr. and a DCSHG–style Harley Quinn mask by Yancey Labat.

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